NHs taken up in Himachal Pradesh

1900. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the National Highways (NHs) taken up during the last three years in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the details thereof, highway-wise;

(c) the recommendations of the State Government of Himachal Pradesh pending with the Union Government; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H MUNIAPPA): (a) National Highway No's 1A, 20, 21, 21A, 22, 70, 72 and 88 have been taken up for development during the last three years.

(b) The details highway-wise are given below:

NH No.	No. of works	Amount (Rs. in crore)
1A	1	62.80
20	30	52.61
21	14	18.57
21A	4	11.40
22	31	150.44
70	12	18.76
72	6	14.27
88	16	42.54

(c) and (d) The Government of Himachal Pradesh has submitted proposals for declaring nine roads as National Highways. At present emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

Corruption in road construction projects

1901. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instances of corruption in road construction projects have been observed in the past;

(b) if so, the details of noticeable instances of corruption indicating locations of the respective affected projects;

(c) whether any review of execution of National Highway projects have been carried out, *inter alia*, to ascertain the degree of transparency prevailing in each case;

(d) if so, the salient details of fundings thereof;